Date	Executives	Non-executives	Total
1-4-72	744	34,342	35,586
1-4-93	1,609	31,690	33,299

(g) The rate of per capita productivity, in terms of ingot tonnes/man year, was 25 in 1988-89, 19 in 1989-90, 21 in 1990-91, 25 in 1991-92 and 27 in 1992-93.

Interest shown by Gulf countries in Sail, Steel

2224. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Gulf countries have evinced keen interest in SAIL, Steel and on export of services like training of personnel and commissioning of mills;

(b) if so, what are the names of such countries; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) No exports of steel have been made by SAIL so far in the current year (1993-94), to the Gulf countries.

A request for training of personnel has come from Iran in pursuance of a recent MOU signed with the Iranian Government (Ministry of Mines and Metals). Firm offers based on SAIL's response are yet to materialise.

देश में इस्पात के उत्पादन की लागत

2225. डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 1 नवम्बर, 1993 को "दि इकानामिक टाइम्स" में "इण्डियन स्टील मोस्ट कास्ट-इफेक्टिव" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि देश में कतिपय इस्पात उत्पादों की कराधान से पूर्व लागत विश्व के अनेक देशों की तुलना में बहुत कम है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस्पात की विभिन्न किस्में कौन-कौन सी है और जापान, ब्रिटेन और चीन इत्यादि देशों की तुलना में इन किस्मों की लागत कितनी कम है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार के अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में इस्पात की इन किस्मों के निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने हेतु संबंधित विभागों से वर्तमान कराधान प्रणाली में परिवर्तन करने का आग्रह किया है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) अन्य देशों में इस्पात उत्पादन लागत के बारे में कोई प्रामाणि

सूचना उपलब्ध न होने के कारण भारत में इस्पात की उत्पादन लागत की तुलना अन्य देशों के इस्पात की उत्पादन लागत से करना संभव नहीं है।

(घ) और (ङ) इस समय देश से लोहे तथा इस्पात के निर्यात पर निर्यात शुल्क प्रभार्य नहीं है। निर्यात में वृद्धि करने के संबंध में किये जाने वाले उपायों के संबंध में भारतीय इस्पात निर्यातकों द्वारा दिये गये प्रस्तावों पर समय-समय पर विचार किया जाता है और यदि आवश्यकता होती है, तो उन पर [संबंधित मंत्रालयों/विभागों/एजेन्सियों से विमर्श किया जाता है।

Strike by the workers against privatisation of IISCO

2226. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether workers of all the public sector steeel plants in the country struck work recently as a protest against Government's decision to privatise IISCO in Burnpur;

(b) if so, what is the total production loss suffered by the steel plants (plant-wise) as a result thereof;

(c) what are the circumstances leading to the privatising of IISCO;

(d) the number of employees that would be affected as a consequence thereof; and

(e) the manner in which Government propose to safeguard their interests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a mark of protest inter-alia against the proposal on private participation in IISCO, the Joint Convention of representatives of AIPUC, BMS, CITU, HMS and INTUC called for a day's strike on 7-9-93. As a result of strike loss of saleable steel production amounted to 480 tonnes in Rourkela steel Plant, 1649 tonnes in Bokaro Steel Plant and 1120 tonnes in Burnpur Steel Works. In Bhilai Steel Plant, Durgapur Steel Plant and Visakhapatnam Steel Plant there was, however, no loss of production.

Government propose to enlist private participation in IISCO mainly because neither Government nor SAIL are in a position to find financial resources of the order required to undertake the modernisation of the Burnpur Steel Works.

(d) and (e) Private participation in IISCO will be enlisted ensuring that it will have no adverse impact on the employees of IISCO. While seeking to enlist private participation in IISCO, Government have committed themselves to protect the interests of the employees. There will be no retrenchment. The management will be free to rationalise the manpower and retrain and redeploy them but based on the goodwill of the workforce. The terms and conditions of the continued employment of the employees will not be inferior to those they are currently entitled to.

Mini Steel plants in Bihar

2227. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) how many mini steel plants (Electric arc furnaces) are in Bihar with details thereof and how many of them are operational;